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Original Poem.

SPRING.

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BY J. E. REDMAN.

Spring, as a bride, hath come her with all her smiles
And thousand buds crowd her on light wing;
Her path hath flow'n profuse as Death in isles,
Her voice has evaporate, those words to bring,
"Come forth," whatever creatures sleep'st upon
Exulting in the splendor of thou lovely,
Each tree hath given its leaf, each hundred stream
Has glow with bloom—with redeem of joy;
Oh, how much the heart's thrilling tone on the earth
Its forth into the fields where'er thou art,
Turn the sweet morn and breathe the incensed air,
Just to the bird his sweetest poetry note,
Happy of Jesse's big hop'ed gift, and there
Turn o'er with thou a deep joy which he delivered
Unto that God, from whence these blessings are!
And of solemn reflection God spread,
The blushing waters and the quiet skies,
And all things here breathe in quiet adoring eyes.
The Earth, a mother, before God spread,
The flowers, gentle friends to lose thee on
And o'er the forest, the mountain, and the vale,
Leaves no impression on the earliest lawn;
Its things spread, as though some fairy form
Had gently trip'd along, and left its trace
In light as clouds that hang at every dawn,
That's man's above and earth's delightful race,
Leaving each color mark and lingering breeze.

The winds are running with redoubled speed,
They have their errands to perform, I ween;
And waste orphans' life a precise need
Should come for flowers and fruits, and be
Intended, subtracted—to leave or to receive
The seasoned change, the precise time
Where none delighted many a mighty one
Does on this spot, at location now be one;
And where it's all a mystery to the world,

Spring has a passion for creation!

Ere why these blades spring forth, these flowers arise
And trees and fruit bear where it has
Been all the year a desert?
How all these things would from repeated rule
And range like to a desert for store,
Where Spring's eternal, immortal bloom
And where a bud of promise never does
If we had not the power to make us see some.
Would scarce live out of music, and without it, none.

Last night was the Anniversary of the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children, and the annual sermon before the Society was delivered in the Church of the Epiphany, by the Rev. Dr. Hawks. The collection amounted to $1,000.

Original Tales.

COQUETRY.

A Story of Real Life.

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It was on the spring of the year 1[illegible] that young George might have been seen enjoying a walk down a beautiful lane which led from the village of [illegible] to the house of the rich lady [illegible]. Indeed it be said that those two persons were of different ages, for George was a young man, the gentleman at each would have been [illegible] to engage such gallant gentlemen all those years.

The one and the other the pleasure of hearing that his eldest partner was to be married, and that he had to find that her competitor, who had married and that another, hence the object of his beauty. Indeed he was also pleased to hear that his purchases might well have asked why one could not be married, and that he was to be married. Whose was one whose equal was to be met with in point of [illegible] and planning gave one [illegible] of a [illegible] was more gratified than [illegible] planning address, yet Adelia Hartley had [illegible]

Perceiving that all the parties were seated around the [illegible] George commenced the following [illegible] of the village.

Perhaps it may be proper to [illegible] here that Henry Hartley was the only son of [illegible] and consequently [illegible] of the residence of the [illegible]

The next morning he repaired to his [illegible] at college he was met by one of his fellow [illegible] Henry Hartley.

[illegible] month, 12 Chest. To [illegible] Hartley, Esq. to [illegible] Dollars' [illegible] of postage.

Why, my dear [illegible]

Because, I have [illegible] you. I understand that that sweet little Mary Clinton, from your [illegible] to be married, and that [illegible] to be [illegible] was the [illegible] of the other.

Be it [illegible] or not, I would like to know [illegible] of the [illegible]

Ah! that is a secret—but, by [illegible] there is the bell, I must go to [illegible] answered the other, as he left the room.

In the [illegible] Hartley, who left [illegible] Well, so long as it is said that there is the best [illegible] Mary Clinton

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Mr. E. T. Jamerson, assistant of Mr. C. W. Ivans, our agent, is on a collecting tour in Illinois, and will call upon them of our subscribers in arrears. We hope they may be prepared for his coming. Mr. Jamerson will be accompanied by Mr. G. W. Bowyer, who is also in assistant of Mr. Ivans, and will deliver his bags to you. Having subscribers in the "Post." We ask for them a hearty welcome

INFORMATION WANTED

Of the following persons, last heard of in this place.

Gilbert B. Speer, formerly of Berlin, and late of Baltimore, Md.

John Smith, formerly of Columbia, Pa.

O. Osborne, formerly of Buffalo, N. York.

Jas. M. Stewart, formerly of Washington, Pa.

Geo. B. Warren, formerly of Poughkeepsie, N. York

J. W. Evans, formerly of Gallipolis, Ohio.

L. Blakely, formerly of Waterloo, Va.

Wm. Borland, formerly of Burlesville, Pa.

C. M. Jones, formerly of Crawford P. O., Ga.

J. W. Ryan, formerly of Cumberland county, Indiana.

He promised to pay sometime since—now $7—now $10 MARRIED.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

The Foreign News again occupies considerable space in our paper, but in the present dearth of interesting information, it is perhaps, the most entertaining dish we can present our readers with. Our literary department, for the week, is very well filled—the selected stories being of unusual merit. An appropriate one, by an almost entirely new writer, will remind all of the First of May,—while the story from Godey's Lady's Book, and the one taken from Graham's Magazine, we can recommend, as quite superior.

As we write, a pleasant rain is falling, and vegetation every where, looks green and promising. The city Squares have been thrown open, and Spring may be considered as fairly at work. In this vicinity we have the most favorable accounts of the fruit trees—a thing to be had in remembrance by all who are fond of "the good things of life."

One of our city correspondents proposes that the trial for jury should be abolished, and gives as a reason—that convictions can no longer be obtained for many criminal offences. We have ever been foremost in these columns to deplore the vitiated public sentiment which acquits so many murderers, but surely it is a bad way to cure one evil by imposing on us a worse. The trial by jury has existed for ages, and been the admiration of all men:—it was one of the means, by which our God, the liberties of England were preserved in that dark epoch when France and Spain alike succumbed to despotism:—it has stood up as the defence of many a man here in seasons of popular excitement, and to one who values personal liberty should join its voice against this venerable and sacred relic. That it has been abused, we know; but other methods of trial have been abused none. Never let us abandon it!

The writer we allude to, thinks that a single judge, in all cases, should exist a mere corrective judgment of the case than a jury. We doubt that. The jury is not called on to expound the law; that, it is the part of the bench to explain: they are only required to determine the facts of the case, and these they are supposed to do as the most learned judge. Common sense is all that is necessary to fit a man for juror. In many cases arising from mercantile causes, or other avocations, even, moreover, men, taken from the common business of life, know more of the real merits of the matter on trial than the lawyers or the court. We have seen even the bench instructed at times by jurymen. But above all, twelve men are less open to bribery or prejudice than one. We do not wish to be understood as questioning the purity of the bench; but human nature is human nature, where there is so much temptation there will be some error: and though the judiciary may now be pure as "unspotted snow," soon let it become bench judge and jury, and venality and corruption would stand in to disgrace the bench of this country as it has, more or less, of all countries where the judges determine both the law and the fact.

THE FIRST OF MAY.

May, the merry, blushing May, is here at last! Delicate and light-footed as a young virgin, she comes, rosiest with health and happiness, and her lap full of loveliest flowers! You can see her pathway over the hills and in the vallies, by the fresh green and kindling violets that spring beneath her steps. You can hear her voice in the woods, where the birds begin to call their mates. And oh! her fragrant breath is all around, filling the air with perfume, and intoxicating the senses with visions of the green, free, full of ecstacy.

We do not wonder that the old poets sang so rapturously of the first of May. England, in their day, was a wooded country, encouraging pastoral in character, and the approach of spring was always ushered in by the sound of music and by merry dances on the green. With the earliest morning of May-day the maidens of the village were accustomed to go out and cull harmless boughs, and to gather flowers with which to adorn their homes, to make chaplets for the May-pole. Even the stately Queen Elizabeth was accustomed to join in these May-day festivities. Alas! how different in the condition of England's rural population now!

In this country we are too little time to such observations. We would not have elderly folks go out and dance around a May-pole, though perhaps the young might do it with benefit when the season is sufficiently advanced; but we would have our people feature more time on abandoned streets, and endeavor to cultivate a feeling for the beauties of nature and for rural sport. We give ourselves no rest from business. Day and night we rack our brain and strain our muscles to get rich. How are aware of the injury that is thus being done to individual health, to the constitution of our children, and to our size and capacity as a race. Generations are passing away with a vast, coy, and in the comparatively diminutive stature of the latter, you will see the deleterious effects of a city life, and of an excess of business! The emigrants are landing on our shores are struck with the rude-worn aspect of our people. It is a fact that a larger proportion of men break down in the prime of life, and a greater number become insane in consequence in the United States than in any country in the world. We cast ourselves, soul and body, into gold. The men of other nations feel time for exercise and enjoyment. The German spreads the close of day goes out to his *Sur-haus*, or a Summer garden. The Frenchman mantters on the Boulevards; the Italian seeks the opera or concert—but the American never lays aside his anxiety—he toss there is no repose from the insatiable thought of business; care follows him to the fire side, sits down with him at his board, and even goes up stairs to be the house of God and kneels with him in prayer.

Oh! ye who are consumed by the thirst for wealth, and whose over-taxed brain feels throb so keenly, have you forgotten the days of your child hood when you sported by the trout-stream or tumbled among the new-mown grass? What would you not give to experience once more the sensations of one of those too happy summer days! Come with us then, one of these bright mornings when the trees are again in leaf, and we will give you a taste of the pleasures you have thought lost to you forever. We will go out into the country, away from the stifling air and dull brick walls of the town, into the far, pure, unscrupulous country. There we shall breathe the free air of heaven and live. We will lie down on some shady knoll; or stretch ourselves beside the cooling stream; or wander at will through the fields of verdure and flowers, or quiet nook of the garden, listening to the low harmonizing of the bees, or the fly-like of the brook, let us, the while, sigh! we will go to look in the country. We will gaze on the green grass, the growing forages, the abundant issue of the trees, and we will feel that there is a God, as our fellowmen such as God made him, and not on the two often made, and will drink in the freshness and the fragrant hill, are scattered all over the land, in full and in full, studding it, as it were, with loveliness. And whenever we go we shall still find beauty. God hath left his impress on the green fields and running streams, and the starry leaf God is proven in the bosom, and every bird that carols on the air, speak out his praise.

CHEVALIER D'AON.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript, in speaking of impostors, gives copy account of the celebrated Chevalier D'Aon, who, in the last century, made a great noise in London and Paris. This individual was a Frenchman, whose reputation principally arose from his having assumed, most of the time, the costume and habiliments of a female. He was of a respectable family of Toulouse—born in 1727, he received a liberal education, and became counsellor of the parliament of Paris, and afterwards general for belles lettres and history, in that city. He then entered the army, became captain of a company of dragoons, and aid-de-camp to Marshal Breguiglio. In 1761 he went to London as Secretary to Duke de Nivernois, French Ambassador. His services were rewarded with the Cross of the Order of St. Louis. When the Duke left England, D'Aon remained as plenipotentiary, and in such was appointed by Count de Guerchy to whom he was required to act as Secretary. Offended by this arrangement, he quarrelled with his superior, and particularly against the Count—was prosecuted, and cast, and not appearing to receive sentence, was declared an outlaw. Several duels followed, and a challenge from one, led to a suspicion of his sex and a more extraordinary wager was offered. In 1777, a trial took place before Judge Mansfield, Mr. Hays, a surgeon, to recover of Mr. Jaques, a wager, £700. By which he gained the point, the solemn of fifteen guineas to return one hundred when it should be proved that the Chevalier was a woman. The Chevalier's counsel pleaded that the plaintiff knew at the time, that the Court of France, in treating with the Chevalier relative to a pension, had treated as with a woman, that the wager was therefore unfair. But Hays obtained a verdict with costs, afterwards set aside on account of the illegality of the wager. The Chevalier left England in 1777, and wore woman's apparel the rest of his life—1779. He attempted to return to France, but refire for the purpose of entering the navy,—but was arrested and imprisoned, in the castle of Dijon. Here he was having been rewarded with several pensions, one from the realty purse of Louis XVI. and being allowed to retain the Cross of his Order, and being ordered not to be punished for his behavior to Count de Guerchy, it is probable that the mystification of sex was got up by the French Court, where he had powerful friends to secure him from punishment, without comprising the honor of the French Ambassador or his Government.

In 1785 he went to England, and gave lessons in fencing, in which he excelled. Deprived by the decree of his pension in 1792, he petitioned the National Assembly, complaining that he was obliged to wear rag and petticoats, and demanding permission to resume his military character, offering to raise a legion a la Romaine. Being unsuccessful, he sought an asylum in England, supporting himself as before.

He died in indigent circumstances, in London, in 1811, when his masculine character was established. He was buried in the cemetery of the Savoy, and besides "Letters Memoires et Negociations Particulieres."

COUNTERFEITING.

A man named Newell, has been arrested in New York, and the extensive materials for counterfeiting found in his house. The operations of this most extensive business have been nipped in the bud. Who arrested, he had with him a newly engraved plate of the bank of Commerce, in this city, of the denomination of $10. (It will be remembered that a small portion of the plates are left blank in the amount, so that they can print in the amount at pleasure.) Honesdale Bank, Bank of Northumberland, Bank of Susquehanna and Mechanics Bank, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, Bank of Chester County, Pennsylvania; Schenectady Bank, New York, of Rockaway, Jamesburg Bank, Philadelphia; the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Greenwich, New Jersey, $5; the Bank of Delaware, Wilmington, Del.; the Bank, New Jersey, $5; Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, Burlington, New Jersey, of $5; Bank of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, $5; Lancaster Bank, Pennsylvania, of $5; Lebanon Bank, Pennsylvania; the Western Bank of Baltimore, $5; Bank of Susquehanna, New York; the Northern Liberty Bank, Philadelphia; the Kensington Bank, Philadelphia; Hagerstown Bank, of Hagerstown, Maryland, $5; the West Branch Bank of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, of $5; Merchants' Bank of Cheraw, South Carolina, and about thirty small plates, consisting of various devices, such as registered by the company, and the Treasurer's seal, &c. and a number of a variety of small strips of writing; likewise about $6,000 in bills, printed and signed ready for issue, and four reams bills of exchange. Also $400 in Chemic Bank of New York, not signed. $400 in $10 dollar bills, signed, on the Bank of Commerce, $100 in bills on the Bank of Chester County, Pa., and the United States coin, with a quantity of the $10 notes. Much credit is due the Chief of Police, for the able manner he has conducted the whole affair, and likewise much praise is due to the officers and prosecuting attorney in bringing this important arrest, and no doubt but that the directors of the various Banks will substantially reward the gentlemen for their services. The keeping this extensive forger in the bail, for bail be accepted, in all probability the various States would have been saved from this spurious amount, by which the public would suffer thousands of dollars.

CHESNUTS FOR FOOD.

It will be a good story of many years hence that chesnuts are used extensively for food in Italy. A late traveller says that each family possesses or purchases what they call a grove of trees. The price is estimated according to the average quantity of chesnuts annually produced. The fruit is gathered in October and November, and generally stored on mats made of cane, with a fire beneath, shelled by being beaten in sacks, ground in a mill by a horse, and then sifted. The meal, when mixed to a paste, is spread on round hot stones, between which charcoal burns, and a cake is produced resembling our crumpet or Scottish scone, and called *necci*, or *necchi*, according to our pronunciation, the Scotch pronunciation of a short loss and often only half the price of wheaten flour, and goes further in sustaining the hungry peasantry; but too much of it is apt to bind the bowels of certain constitutions. The poorer classes are permitted to glean after a certain day, and all chesnuts that fall on the ground are public property. The Italians are so temperate and public property. The Italians are so temperate and simple in their diet, that a single chesnut tree may supply an entire family with food. The chesnut is the triumphant winner upon the banks of the Adige, and is also found in other parts of the Tyrol. Travellers, should service as an impenetrable barrier, and obligation is at once so sacred—there is no instance which we have known of its violation or not comply.

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IMPORTANT

FROM MEXICO.

A rumor that Mexico had declared war against the United States was circulated in Philadelphia, on Saturday last, by the Pennsylvania Inquirer, which states that the truth of the report. The latest intelligence from Mexico is by the U. S. Steamer Cal. Gomez, which arrived at New Orleans on the 20th ult. The reliable news from the seat of war may be stated as follows:

The Mexican army, including the Colorado, a written communication was presented to him by an embassy from Gen. Mejia, protesting against his occupation of Mexican territory, and warning him against a further advance. To this the Gen. replied, he was acting under the authority of his Government, and would remain where he was for the present. He accordingly did, and erected batteries there—the river being at this point 130 yards wide.

On the 11th, Gen. Ampudia, commander-in-chief of the Mexican forces, arrived at Matamoros with 4,000 cavalry. This made the Mexicans 5,000 strong.

The day after his arrival (the 12th) Ampudia sent a message to Gen. Taylor, by Gen. Gonzalez, informing him forthwith to retire to the left bank of the Nueces threatening, in the non-compliance within 24 hours of the time, to commence hostilities, to put in force the military means at his disposal to compel him. This mission, we presume, contained the same communication as that presented to Gen. Taylor, on the 12th.

The next day (the 13th) Gen. Ampudia, addressed Gen. Taylor, replied, in writing, that he was directed to take military possession of the left bank of the Rio Grande as far up as the point of the United States that he should hold his present position, and repel aggression by every means in his power.

This was a positive declaration and directly hostile demonstration, and threatened to retaliate for any act of violence being done by the Mexican General. Gen. Taylor, in reply, informed Gen. Ampudia, that he had received Ampudia's communication, despatched a messenger to Senor Santiago, informing the commandant at that point, and to forward the letter, and holding him to be on his guard. This, however, was simply a measure of precaution, and Gen. Taylor interpreting Ampudia's note, as sufficiently warlike to warrant his preventing, as far as lay in his power, any invasion of force or menace of the territory of the United States by the Mexican General.

Gen. Taylor has done all he could to tranquilize the country pending the negotiations for peace, and a good supply of provisions has been regularly brought into camp. He has told them that it was time for no hostile purpose, and should molest no one, unless attacked. Ampudia has done all he could to inspire the people with horror of the Americans, and has induced some of them to take refuge in Matamoras. The Mexican troops are quartered in that part of the town the most remote from the river, out of sight of the American army.

Major Monroe, at Point Isabel, has been reinforced from Fort Brown, and the commander of the fort's position is said to be a very advantageous one. The Mexicans have not yet erected any batteries, and the works raised by the Mexicans. No advantageously was Gen. T. situated, that it was evident that he was the master of the situation, and the Mexican General could dislodge him.

SECRET SERVICE FUND.

There has been much talk recently of the Secret Service Fund. The application of this fund has been made by the late Mr. Tyler, and granted by the president. From the New York Telegraph we gather their considerable information respecting the use that may be made of money from the fund.

The largest expenditure ever made by the Amerian government in a single year, was in the year 1814, when the British, after burning the capitol in 1813, were defeated in Aug. 1814.

Nothing has transpired to warrant the belief that this estimate is, in any material respect, impertinent. The circular from the public creditors, by the general floods, and the consequent delay in getting them out of Washington, to assist in Lancaster, France, for $900,000 francs, of which the amount received from our government was supposed to have been paid.

Mr. Madison sent a message to Congress informing them of the plot, and also with the message a series of letters between that minister, Henry and Sir Thomas Craig, Governor General of Canada, and his Secretary, Sir John Ryland.

Henry made these discoveries in consequence, as he alleged, of "the perfidy and dishonor of a man who had violated the confidence in which he received their confidence," and on the ground of retaliation. The papers he communicated were unanimously ordered to be published. They were important as to print 5,000 copies, appearing to be later in the authority of the documents.

Henry was at this time a young man, but had been a captain in our army of 1776.

The British Minister at Washington, Mr. Foster, disavowed the whole affair in an official letter to the Secretary of State, who also made a report to the President. In this letter he declared it as in possession of any names or persons in the United States who had any way countenanced the project and views of Sir John Craig.

The affair made a great sensation at the time, but the author of it left the country in a few weeks after the publication, and was not much public, and sailed from New York on the 10th of March, 1811. He died in Wrap, for France. His subsequent career, we have not yet been able to trace.

During the Revolution large sums were expended for secret services, and in 1776 the amount appropriated for those purposes, was about $700,000.

Of late years, the amount expended has been very trifling.

PIECE OF BOMBAST.

Gen. Mejia's late Proclamation on taking command of the army of the north, contains a few original strain of such documents. The following are its closing paragraphs:

"Soldiers! the hour of peril has sounded; you know your duty, and can fulfil it with loyalty and patriotism. I have the honor to be at your head in front, and am persuaded of the ardor with which you burn to defend the sacred soil of your fathers, the spectacle enemy, worthy of Mexican valor. The eyes of the World are fixed on the justice and legitimacy of the haughty sons of the soldiers of the deep waters shall be the sepulchre of those who have dared to violate it. Let the Mexican Eagle, borne in our hearts, will recover new sustenance from these sacred names, and a strike is produced sensation, and a strike is produced sensation. Let our enemies who will not be able to oppose our bare breasts to the cries of the lowmen of the Mississippi. Inhabitants of the frontiers! we are not left to our own resources, the Supreme Government collects intelligent forces for your safety and salvation. A strong army, united to war, is ready to march to your aid. In the north of Texas shall with its powerful help we shall reap a complete victory. But until the day arrives to consummate the grand campaign for the re-conquest of all the usurped territory, be patient and resigned. The enemy's triumphant winge upon the banks of the Sabine, and when have the first of the land to the invaders, should service as an impenetrable barrier, and obligation is at once so sacred—there is no instance which we have known of its violation or not comply.

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FROM TEXAS.

We have news from Galveston, via New Orleans, to the 14th ult. The sloop Hero, Captain Phillips, two days and a half from. That Arcanas, arrived on the afternoon of the 12th ultimo at Galveston, some of the passengers say that several individuals having received General Gaines' letter, and copies of the same, were immediately pressed into the service and required to bear arms. This being exactly what they wanted, as many others have been deterred by the Gulf route, and on flat-boats down the Lagoon to Matto. The people of Corpus Christi are in a great consternation at the news, and from what quarter we could not exactly learn—and are all under arms and keeping constant guard. There are several companies of Rangers on the Leon, Taylor's position, which we do not deem worth repeating. We are unwilling to doubt that General Taylor will remain in peaceable and undisturbed possession of the left bank of the Rio Grande.

The result of the Congressional Election in Texas still remains uncertain, the few additional returns which have been received not having altered the complexion of the vote.

The Houston Star of the 4th ult., says that the country along the coast has been visited by rains which have caused the rivers to rise higher than that have fallen here, it is feared, seriously injured the crops in many places. The corn on the Brazos is not more than one-third as large as last high, and the cotton was several inches high before these rains commenced. The planting of corn had been awfully fallen in that section during the last fortnight than had fallen in the two preceding months.

The Texas Intelligencer of the 4th ult., with one exception, is devoid of general interest. In obedience to a resolution, the Comptroller furnished the Governor with a statement of the pay, bounty and supplies of the Government of the State of Texas, on the 14th ult., which was immediately laid before the House. The total expenses are enumerated as follows:—

Legislative,	$39,214 46
Executive,	31,000 00
Judiciary,	24,140 00
Pensions and Annuities,	1,412 00
Total,	$95,753 46
Amount of money in the Treasury,	$6,400 00
" paid over, but not yet deposited,	4,750 00
	$11,150 00

POLLY BODINE.

This woman, against whom there are still three indictments, tat for the murder of Mrs. Hoseman, was indicted, 36 for rouse, and 52 for grand larceny, taken her promenade through the streets of Newburgh, unattended, except by the wife of her counsel, Mr. Bull, and the officers of the Newburgh authorities are more culpably negligent than even the late Chief Justice Tilghman, which is altogether needless an act of supererogation.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

On Thursday week, the State Legislature closed its labors after a session of, one hundred and six days, ninety-one of which were working days. Upwards of four hundred and fifty acts and laws have been passed, being eighty-one more than were passed last session. Among the most important public bills passed at the last session, are the bill making appropriations for the expenses of Government; an act to increase the revenues of the Commonwealth, and the bill for the public debt; an act during the time for the adoption and publication of tolls on the public works, an act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; an act authorizing the construction of an outlet on the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal, for the purpose of the right of way to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. The last act has received the signature of the Governor. The bill relative to Mr. Knickle's amendment, which provides that if three millions of the stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad shall be subscribed, and thirty per cent. thereof paid into the treasury of the company, on or before the 30th of July, 1847, then the Governor is authorized to cause a contract to be made with the company for construction, then the right of way is to be null and void.

The session closed on the last day of the session, and before the vote which passed the Revenue bill was taken, sent in a message to the Legislature, stating that they were unanimous in the State, and the vote of the body to place the public credit beyond the reach of all uncertainty. He says

"From a careful examination of all the commencement of the present session, and communications from the Auditor General, I am apprised that the assessment of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, will be completed previous to the adjournment of the present session, and will be sufficient to meet the ordinary loan for the ensuing year. The largest expenditure ever made by the Assembly, in a single year, was in 1814, when the British, after burning the capitol in 1813, were defeated in Aug. 1814.

Nothing has transpired to warrant the belief that this estimate is, in any material respect, impertinent. The circular from the public creditors, by the general floods, and the consequent delay in getting them out of Washington, to assist in Lancaster, France, for $900,000 francs, of which the amount received from our government was supposed to have been paid.

Mr. Madison sent a message to Congress informing them of the plot, and also with the message a series of letters between that minister, Henry and Sir Thomas Craig, Governor General of Canada, and his Secretary, Sir John Ryland.

Henry made these discoveries in consequence, as he alleged, of "the perfidy and dishonor of a man who had violated the confidence in which he received their confidence," and on the ground of retaliation. The papers he communicated were unanimously ordered to be published. They were important as to print 5,000 copies, appearing to be later in the authority of the documents.

Henry was at this time a young man, but had been a captain in our army of 1776.

The British Minister at Washington, Mr. Foster, disavowed the whole affair in an official letter to the Secretary of State, who also made a report to the President. In this letter he declared it as in possession of any names or persons in the United States who had any way countenanced the project and views of Sir John Craig.

The affair made a great sensation at the time, but the author of it left the country in a few weeks after the publication, and was not much public, and sailed from New York on the 10th of March, 1811. He died in Wrap, for France. His subsequent career, we have not yet been able to trace.

During the Revolution large sums were expended for secret services, and in 1776 the amount appropriated for those purposes, was about $700,000.

Of late years, the amount expended has been very trifling.

PIECE OF BOMBAST.

Gen. Mejia's late Proclamation on taking command of the army of the north, contains a few original strain of such documents. The following are its closing paragraphs:

"Soldiers! the hour of peril has sounded; you know your duty, and can fulfil it with loyalty and patriotism. I have the honor to be at your head in front, and am persuaded of the ardor with which you burn to defend the sacred soil of your fathers, the spectacle enemy, worthy of Mexican valor. The eyes of the World are fixed on the justice and legitimacy of the haughty sons of the soldiers of the deep waters shall be the sepulchre of those who have dared to violate it. Let the Mexican Eagle, borne in our hearts, will recover new sustenance from these sacred names, and a strike is produced sensation, and a strike is produced sensation. Let our enemies who will not be able to oppose our bare breasts to the cries of the lowmen of the Mississippi. Inhabitants of the frontiers! we are not left to our own resources, the Supreme Government collects intelligent forces for your safety and salvation. A strong army, united to war, is ready to march to your aid. In the north of Texas shall with its powerful help we shall reap a complete victory. But until the day arrives to consummate the grand campaign for the re-conquest of all the usurped territory, be patient and resigned. The enemy's triumphant winge upon the banks of the Sabine, and when have the first of the land to the invaders, should service as an impenetrable barrier, and obligation is at once so sacred—there is no instance which we have known of its violation or not comply.

The question is to defend the interests dearest to the heart of us—our domestic troubles, our children, and our wives.

The consciousness of your superiority assures you of a most splendid victory. Let the enemy then advance whom you desire to salute in the field of battle, and the conflict will be short and brief, will be the merited reward of your valor and discretion.

To arms! Long live the Mexican Nation—long live Independence!

(Signed) FRANCISCO MEJIA.

Matamoros, March 14, 1846.

CHILIAN SHIP.

The Chilian ship Maria Helena—— sailed for Gothenburg, Mass., 251 tf., from Valp——, 7th December last. This is said to be the first Chilian ship which ever visited the United States.

Letter From Washington.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 28th, 1846.

The Oregon business is still the topic of conversation at least so far as the action of Congress is concerned. The Conference Committee, on the part of the Senate, have had a meeting, but no report has been handed by that body, and in substance the resolutions, as agreed to in the Senate, were passed. The vote was very large in both Houses—in the Senate 42 ayes and 10 noes; in the House 142 ayes and 46 noes. This unanimity is gratifying. The resolutions, as passed, authorize the President to give the required notice for the abrogation of the treaty, assume part of it responsibility on the President, assume part of it responsibility on the President, assume part of it responsibility on the President

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Selected Poetry.

FROM CHAMBER'S MAGAZINE, FOR MAY.

SUDDEN DEATH.

BY MRS. AMELIA B. WELBY.

How still she lies upon her pillow asleep,
With her white folded hands upon her breast!
The rosy cross disturbs not her pure thinking—
And hails the inch to come her from her rest.
Nine stamps or if her soul exhaled in sighs—
As if her home's bloom closed her eyes!

How still she lies! But late—through her bedchamber
A sudden sound of childish glee had spread;
While little forms with laughing voices clamber
O'er her soft bosom, and about her bed.
They tore their golden locks before her eyes,
Crying, in sportive tones—"Rise! sister, rise!"

"Oh, rise! We've been among the flowers,
And had such gambols with the bird and bee;
The young things thought to give us chase for hours,
But were not lighter on the wing than we.
And see! we stole the buds and flowers to play—
Oh rise, sweet sister—rise and come away!"

Alas, ye glad young creatures! o'er that fair
And polished cheek your tones fall in vain;
No sister's voice can wake the stillness there,
Nor bring the red rose to that cheek again!
Nor wake those smiles—nor bear that lovely head
To meet your soft embraces—she is dead!

Away! bear back your buds and blossom fair—
Break not the stillness of that awful room!
Your cheerful tones awake no echo there—
Would that your glee could gladden up in gloom.
Yet lie in vain—flush shadows o'er the spot—
Bear back your buds and flowers—she needs them not!

For for the spell that now her face form coldness,
Soon had the flown your fairy form to meet,
But Death o'ertook her in her sinless slumbers,
And hushed her murmuring voice—and chained her feet!
And now with merciless lips and closed eyes,
Of his left her couch your darling sister lies.

Alas, that lovely sister! Yesterday
She entered the house and the family throng,
With step so joyous, and with voice so light,
That Music's self seemed danced in its song.
Fair, and smiling in youth's fleeting breath,
How long is her second life—how distant Death!

And when upon her pillow soft and still,
With her blue eyes fixed on the moon's pale beams,
Coldness of heart, and thinking of no ill,
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